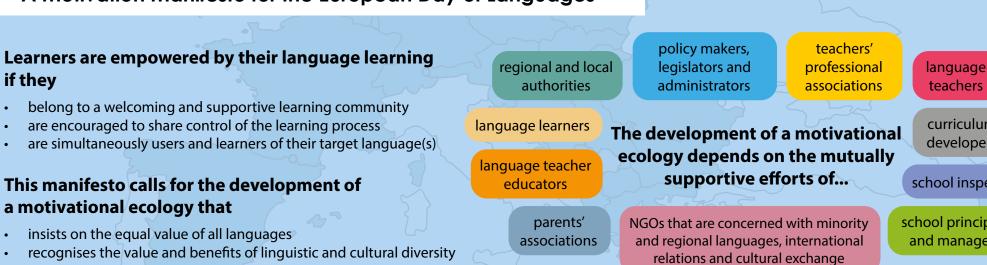
On the European Day of Languages we celebrate Europe's rich linguistic heritage and the language learning that gives us access to that heritage.

Europe's cultural and linguistic heritage is one of its defining strengths, enshrined in the motto "United in diversity". The Council of Europe and the European Union embrace and protect multilingualism, recognising it as a cornerstone of democracy, inclusion and social cohesion. For this reason, the teaching and learning of multiple languages in our schools is not a cultural luxury but a political necessity: the means by which we bring the European ideal to life and reinforce the pluralistic, inclusive and forward-looking values that are central to the European project.

## **Empowering language learners**

A motivation manifesto for the European Day of Languages



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## Languages empower us because they

allow us to communicate and establish relationships with people who speak other languages

help us to understand cultures that would otherwise remain closed to us

enhance our career options extend our identities

open up new pathways for academic and vocational study

broaden our critical awareness

developers

curriculum

teachers

school inspectors

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